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# *Things That Thrive*

*Distinct and Dependable  
Varieties of*

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# PEONIES

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## THE QUEEN OF THE LAWN

Of all the "things that thrive," peonies are among the most easily grown, hardy, beautiful and fragrant. They thrive in any good soil, in open sun, or partial shade if not injured by tree roots. They are beautiful as single plants, in beds, borders or groups, and unexcelled for interior decorations. They may be planted from August till November or in early spring, but September is best. They delight in a well drained, though moist, fertile soil but object to manure near the roots. Plant so that the crowns are 2 to 3 inches below the surface. Do not expect perfect nor typical blooms the first year.

Clean cultivation and liberal fertilizing will add to the quantity and quality of bloom. Disbudding sorts which produce many side buds will give larger individual blooms. Mulching the plants with coarse manure after the ground freezes is beneficial.

## VARIETIES

Vareties are numbered by the hundreds. Many are inferior and little grown, others are new and untried but often high in price, while large numbers are so similar as to be scarcely distinguishable. The following list includes the most distinct and dependable moderate priced varieties, representing a wide range of type, color and season of bloom, that I have been able to select.

**Asa Gray.** Very distinct. Bloom large, delicate, pale lilac, petals flecked with pink dots. Fragrant. \$1.00.

**Baroness Schroeder.** One of the finest white peonies grown. Large, globular, opening a delicate flesh white, fading to purest white. Tall, strong, fragrant, free-blooming and a good keeper. \$2.00.

**Couronne d'Or** (Crown of Gold.) A good late white variety; medium height, free blooming, flower resembling *Festiva maxima*, but blooming late. 50c.

**Duke of Wellington.** A fine, vigorous and prolific, fragrant, large, delicate **creamy white** variety, fading to pure white. Numerous side buds prolong the blooming season. 50c.

**Edulis superba.** One of the best known and most dependable **early pink** varieties. Very free blooming and delightfully fragrant. 35c.

**Felix Crousse.** Brilliant **cherry-red**. Strong vigorous, free blooming; stems long, buds in clusters. "The best all-purpose red in existence." 75c.



Peonies in border planting

**Festiva maxima.** The most popular early white peony grown. Tall, strong and vigorous, stems very long and stout. Bloom large, pure white, tipped with crimson at center; delightfully fragrant. 50c.

**Floral Treasure.** Strong, vigorous, upright, free blooming, with excellent stems. Bloom large, borne in clusters. One of the best commercial light pink varieties. 50c.

**Fragrans.** A very dependable late dark pink variety widely grown. Plant tall, vigorous, free blooming, increasing rapidly. Bloom medium size, bomb type; fragrant. 25c.

- Golden Harvest.** Very free-blooming, fragrant, dwarf variety of loose bomb type. Guard petals pale rose, center cream and gold, pink petals intermingled. 50c.
- Grandiflora.** One of the most valuable late light pink varieties. Growth strong, healthy, tall, erect. Bloom very large, fragrant, flesh pink. Very late; especially good for cutting. \$1.50.
- Gypsy.** Japanese type. Very dark tyrian rose. Large, flat, loose bloom. Plant strong, erect, free blooming. Stem long, reddish green. \$1.50.
- Humei.** Extra fine, large, cinnamon-scented late pink, though not a heavy bloomer. 25c.
- La Rosiere.** Semi-double. Pure white, shading to cream white in the center. Large, flat, fragrant. Plant strong, vigorous, free-blooming. A beautiful garden variety. \$1.00.
- La Sublime.** Dark deep red, buds almost black; bloom semi-double, flat. Reliable, free-blooming, medium early; stems upright, reddish green. 50c.
- La Tulipe.** Attractive in bud; green and red interlaced. Flower soft blush mixed with carmine, fading to white. Fragrant and beautiful. Plant tall, strong and vigorous. Stems long and stout. 75c.
- Madam Calot.** An early, fragrant, light pink, cut-flower variety; growth tall, strong, slightly spreading. Bloom large, pale hydrangea pink, darker in center. 50c.
- Madam Ducei.** Very large, globular, bomb-shaped, rose-pink flowers with silvery reflex. Strong, free-bloomer. Early, fragrant, excellent. 75c.
- Marechal Vaillant** (*Grandiflora rubra*.) A very large, globular, compact, showy red or dark mauve pink bloom, borne on a tall heavy stem. Very late. 35c.
- Marie Jacquin** (Water Lily, Bridesmaid). Distinct and beautiful; large, rose-white, semi-double. Petals wide, incurved, leaving an open center, filled with bright yellow stamens. A very free-bloomer. Resembles a water lily. 75c.

**Monsieur Jules Elie.** Considered one of the best early pink varieties. Vigorous and free-blooming. Blooms large, fragrant, glossy lilac-pink, shaded amber yellow at base. \$1.00.

**Old-fashioned Red** (*P. officinalis rubra*.) This is the large, bright crimson "piney" so well known in the long ago. Blooms a week or more before other varieties. 35c.

**Philomele.** Distinct and novel, a strong upright grower and free-bloomer. Fragrant, bright rose guard petals, amber-yellow center and crimson tipped rose crown. 50c.

**Pottsi.** Early, dark crimson, semi-double, with showy yellow stamens. Stems upright, slender, reddish green. Showy and effective in landscape work. Some seasons the leaves color beautifully in autumn. 25c.

**Rubra superba.** A very late, large, compact, crimson flower. Only moderately productive but the last to bloom. 50c.

**Stanley.** A large, very dark, brilliant crimson single variety. Plant tall, erect, with strong vivid red stems. 75c.

**Therese.** A favorite with peony specialists. Considered one of the most beautiful in color and form. Very large, fragrant; rose-type bloom. Violet rose fading to lilac white in the center; guards slightly splashed with crimson. Mid-season. Plant strong and healthy; stems reddish green. \$5.00.

**Umbellata rosea.** Very early. Guards violet rose, shading to an amber white center. Plant strong, upright, free-blooming. 75c.

**Venus.** Delicate hydrangea pink, lighter in center. Crown type. Fragrant and free-blooming. \$2.00.

**Victoria tricolor.** Beautiful and effective. A single row of pink outer petals, with a central crown of creamy white. A strong grower. 35c.

**Whitleyi** (Queen Victoria.) A fine medium early flesh white variety with opening buds as delicate and fragrant as roses. Reliable and excellent for cut flowers. 25c.

# IRIS

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## THE ORCHID OF THE GARDEN

Among the most dainty and delicate of all out-door plants. Named for the Goddess of the Rainbow, their ethereal colors and fairy-like blooms seem to have been born of the sunset skies, the rainbow hues and the tints of the morning. Most varieties are extremely hardy. Plant in August or September or in early spring, about two inches below the surface, in a dry and sunny location. They will not thrive in wet soil. The great **Decoration Day** flower for northern latitudes.

### VARIETIES

- Aurea.** Fine, clear, bright yellow throughout but deeper in the throat. Flowers large and perfect. A free bloomer. \$2.00 a dozen.
- Darius.** Standards rich canary yellow. Falls light violet, edged with straw-color. Rich orange beard. Distinct and beautiful. \$1.50 a dozen.
- Elegans.** Standards white, tinted with lavender. Falls violet or purple-veined. Both slightly mottled with chocolate brown at base. Bright and showy. 25c.
- European Yellow.** A vigorous grower with deep golden yellow flowers partially hidden by leaves. \$1.00 a dozen.
- Fairy.** Very delicate, glistening lavender-white, fragrant. Flowering stems tall; a free bloomer. Similar to Florentina but later. 25c.
- Florentina.** Large, delicate, lavender-white with yellow stamens and veining at base of falls. Inner petals slightly darker, pale blue midrib. Very early and fragrant. \$1.00 a dozen.
- Honorabilis.** (Sans Souci.) Hardy and a prolific bloomer. Standards golden yellow; falls rich mahogany brown. \$1.00 a dozen.



- Iris King.** Standards lemon-yellow; falls maroon, bordered with yellow. 50c.
- Madam Chereau.** White, frilled with a border of lilac blue. Blooms large and keep well. \$1.00 a dozen.
- Madam Pacquette.** Rosy claret. 25c.
- Mandaliscæ.** Rich lavender-purple. Early, large and handsome. 25c.
- Mrs. H. Darwin.** Pure white, falls finely reticulated, violet at the base. Free flowering, late, fragrant and beautiful. \$1.50 a dozen.
- Orientalis.** (Siberian Blue.) Flowers brilliant blue, buds crimson when opening. Foliage narrow, stems tall, free-flowering and excellent for cutting. Hardy and vigorous. \$1.50 a dozen.
- Pallida Dalmatica.** Blooms large, fine and fragrant. Delicate bright lavender, mottled with chocolate brown in the center. Fine for cut-flowers. A queen among irises, tall, stately and showy. 35c.
- Perfection.** Handsome and imposing; standards bright blue, falls dark velvety purple, with orange beard. 25c.
- Purple Queen.** Tall, robust, bearing large showy, velvet purple flowers; early. \$1.00 a dozen.
- Queen of May.** Delicate rose-lilac, approaching pink. Early and beautiful. \$1.00 a doz.
- Snow Queen.** A fine Siberian variety with large pure ivory white flowers, yellow at the center. \$2.00 a dozen.
- Violacea grandiflora.** Blooms light blue and violet blue with very delicate tints. Late and fragrant. \$1.00 a dozen.

## JAPANESE IRIS

The Japanese varieties carry the procession of iris bloom into mid-summer. The plants are tall, the blooms large and very showy. A rich, moist, well-tilled soil is best.

**Sano-Watashi.** Fine, large pure white with yellow central lines. Fine for funeral pieces. 25c.

**Unnamed.** Purple or white. 20c.

# PHLOX

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## THE HOT, DRY-WEATHER FLOWER

The hardy phlox is the indispensable plant for the hot summer days of July and August when other flowers are scarce. Their bold, striking effects, coupled with their hardiness and reliability, make them general favorites. Plant either in fall or spring, in borders, beds or masses. A rich, moist soil, well tilled, is the ideal. Price 15c each, \$1.50 a doz., except as noted.

**Eiffel Tower.** Beautiful shell-pink. Very popular. 20c.

**F. G. von Lassburg.** Very large, pure porcelain-white. Fine for cutting.

**Miss Lingard.** An early-flowering white variety with faint lilac eye. Very free-blooming and popular; fine for massing.

**Pantheon.** Large, cerise-salmon with white center.

**Richard Wallace.** Tall, large head, pure white with maroon center.

**R. P. Struthers.** Bright rosy red with crimson eye.

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# GLADIOLUS

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## THE QUEEN OF THE GARDEN

The dependable garden bulb. The beauty of an orchid with the care of a potato. Free from enemies and diseases. Fine in field or vase. The gladiolus is preeminently the bulb for busy people. No plant can give more beauty for a given outlay of time and money. Plant in early spring and at intervals until the end of June if you wish a succession of bloom. Deep planting in a fertile and friable, well drained soil is preferable. Lift and cure away from frost in autumn; remove tops and store in shallow trays or crates in any good cellar.

**Morningside Mixture.** A wide range of fine colors. 30c a dozen; \$2.00 a hundred.

# CLIMBING VINES

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Many unattractive surroundings may be transformed into objects of beauty with little cost by the judicious use of climbing vines. They should be more widely used. A rough fence, a hen coop, or a pig sty, may become a most attractive and striking feature if covered with climbers. Boston Ivy is the vine to cling to walls of brick, stone or stucco. Others form excellent porch screens.

**Clematis paniculata.** One of the finest porch vines grown. A good grower, blooming abundantly in September. Flowers small, pure white and very fragrant. More hardy and dependable than the large-flowered varieties. 25c and 50c.

**Boston Ivy** (*Ampelopsis tricuspidata*.) The most popular vine for covering walls of brick or stone. Clings closely, making a close thatch of bright, glossy green leaves with beautiful autumn tints. Commonly known as *Ampelopsis Veitchii*. 25c.

**Englemann's Ivy** (*A. Englemanni*.) Similar to the Virginia Creeper, but superior. A strong grower. Efficient for covering dry banks, as well as trellises, dead trees, buildings, walls, etc. 25c.

**Bittersweet** (*Celastrus scandens*.) An attractive native plant with glossy, light-green leaves and yellow flowers in June, followed by bright orange fruits retained all winter. 25c and 50c.

**Honeysuckle, Japan** (*Lonicera Halleana*.) A rapid-growing vine with handsome foliage. Partially evergreen. Flowers white, fragrant. A continuous bloomer. 25c.

**Trumpet-Vine** (*Tecoma radicans*.) A popular vine for covering old stumps or rock-work. Large dark-red trumpet-shaped flowers in August. 25c and 50c.

**Wistaria.** A popular, rapid-growing climber, bearing long, pendulous clusters of flowers in May and June. Purple or white. 35c, 50c and 75c.

# ROSES

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To select a few of the best roses from the great number offered by the large rose-growers is a difficult task for the ordinary purchaser. I have tried to cull from the many varieties a few of the hardiest and most dependable sorts which cover the principal range of colors and characters—"things that thrive." All are strong field-grown plants, quite different from the small tender, pot-grown plants, direct from the greenhouse, commonly sold as one-year roses. They are grown on their own roots, hence are free from the objectionable suckers which often spring up from the roots of budded plants.

Roses reward good care and generous feeding. Plant in fertile, well-drained soil if possible.

## HARDY FIELD-GROWN ROSES

Price 50c

**Conrad Ferdinand Meyer.** A hybrid rugosa rose with fine foliage, great hardiness and vigor; very fragrant. Silvery rose flowers and long pointed buds.

**Frau Karl Druschki.** The ideal white rose. Pure white, perfect in form and bud; vigorous and free-flowering.

**General Jacqueminot.** The old-time crimson favorite; reliable everywhere.

**Madam Plantier.** The old-time white rose so well known in many homes. Vigorous, hardy and dependable everywhere.

**Mrs. John Laing.** A fine, clear, bright shining pink. Large, double, very fragrant blooms on long, perfect stems. Free blooming and very hardy.

**Paul Neyron.** The rose for size. Very large, deep rose color, fine form.

**Prince Camille de Rohan.** The very dark rose. Deep, velvety crimson-maroon, approaching black.

**Ulrich Brunner.** The bright cherry red rose, distinct in color; strong and hardy.

**Baby Rambler.** (Pink or red) The Baby Ramblers are dwarf, hardy roses, covered with a mass of small blooms in clusters from June till frost. Also in winter if taken inside.

**Rosa rugosa.** The hardy single Japanese rose with leathery, wrinkled foliage and large red hips. Good as an ornamental shrub or hedge plant. 25c to 50c.

## CLIMBING ROSES

Price 50c

Few objects can surpass in beauty a high wire fence, a dead branching tree-trunk, or a well placed screen, covered with a thrifty climbing rose in full bloom.

**American Pillar.** A fine, large-flowered, single, rosy pink with a glint of white at center, and golden yellow stamens. Vigorous and free blooming, with tough, dark green, shining leaflets.

**Baltimore Belle.** A variety of the extremely hardy Prairie rose species. Flowers very double, pale blush, passing to white, in clusters, forming a mass of bloom.

**Excelsa.** An improvement upon the well-known Crimson Rambler, less subject to mildew. Perfectly hardy, bearing a wealth of bright crimson, semi-double flowers, not as dark but brighter than those of Crimson Rambler.

**Dorothy Perkins.** Splendid foliage and very hardy. Flowers clear shell-pink, fragrant, and very double. A grand rose.

**Dr. W. Van Fleet.** Very hardy, a strong grower and free bloomer. Buds pointed, flowers large, full and double, beautiful flesh-pink, sweetly perfumed. Fine foliage, practically insect proof.

**Gardenia.** Beautiful, vigorous and free-blooming. Buds long and pointed, creamy golden yellow, fading to pale yellow. Flowers semi-double, fragrant.

# HARDY SHRUBS

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Among all the plants used in decorative planting, hardy shrubs fill the most important place. They furnish foliage, bloom and fruit of a wide variety of beauty, and when planted in masses produce strong effects more quickly than can be secured in any other way. They may serve as backgrounds for flower borders, screens for unattractive buildings, fences or outlooks, and in many other ways. They require little care when once established, giving permanent results year after year, but can be readily moved if occasion requires.

Plant shrubs freely in groups and masses, around the borders, about foundations, in the angles of walks or drives, or wherever they will add to the beauty of the home picture, but not scattered indiscriminately through the lawn.

**Prices.**—Small plants 25c each. Strong plants 50c each. Heavy specimen plants 75c and \$1.00.

Shrubs differ so widely in habit and rate of growth that size or height gives little idea of their true value, except to those who are well acquainted with the variety. We always try to give good value for the price.

**Japanese Barberry** (*Berberis Thunbergii*.)

Low, compact, prickly. Leaves small; fruit bright red in early winter. Very popular for hedges or specimen plants.

**Button-bush.** Low, very attractive plant with glossy leaves, white balls of bloom and round seed-balls.

**Calycanthus.** (Sweet-scented shrub.) Flowers dark reddish brown; fragrant. Leaves broad and glossy.

**Deutzia gracilis.** Very graceful, low, compact, bearing a wealth of pure white flowers. A fine plant for foregrounds.

**Deutzia, Pride of Rochester.** A tall-growing plant bearing large, double, white flowers, tinged with pink. A magnificent shrub,

vigorous and hardy. A mass of pink and white at blooming time.

**Dog-wood, red-stemmed.** Especially prized for its bright red twigs in winter. A good foundation screen for rough buildings or fences.

**Goumi** (*Elaeagnus longipes*.) A low bushy shrub with gray branches and leaves silvery beneath. Fruit cinnabar-red or orange-colored, with silvery white dots, astringent but suitable for jelly.

**Honeysuckle, white** (*Lonicera Morrowi*.) A fine, spreading, bushy shrub with fragrant white flowers in spring and red berries later.

**Honeysuckle, pink** (*L. Tartarica*.) A hardy, showy shrub, bearing an abundance of pink flowers and berries.

**Hydrangea arborescens grandiflora.** Early hydrangea. A valuable, early-blooming type, flowering from June to September. Plant semi-dwarf, bloom flat.

**Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora.** Late hydrangea. The well-known, popular, late-flowering sort. Flowers borne in great panicles in August and September. A very showy plant.

**Japanese Quince.** Low, strong, robust plant with bright red, showy flowers in early spring. Fruit showy, good for jelly.

**Lilac.** Common, purple or white. Well-known favorites.

**Lilac. Persian,** purple or white. Dwarf, bushy, leaves narrow, flowers fragrant.

**Lilac. Japan Tree.** Leaves dark and glossy, flowers creamy white, odorless. Very hardy. Blooms in June, a month later than others. 50c to \$1.00.

**Mahonia.** Fine, low, compact, hardy, broad-leaved evergreen. Leaves dark, glossy.

**Mock Orange, early** (*Philadelphus coronarius*.) The well-known "Syringa." Tall, upright; flowers white, very fragrant.

**Mock Orange, late** (*P. grandiflorus*.) Blooms late; flowers larger, less fragrant.

**Pearl Bush** (*Exochorda grandiflora*.) A vigorous, compact shrub covered with

beautiful buds and pure white flowers in May.

**Privet, Amoor River North.** Similar in habit to the California privet, but much hardier. Leaves partially evergreen.

**Privet, Ibota.** A Japanese species, very hardy and dependable. Branches broad and spreading, covered with black berries in winter.

**Purple Fringe or Smoke-tree** (*Rhus cotinus*.) Bears loose panicles of purplish, mist-like flowers, giving a smoky appearance. Foliage bright in autumn.



A walk bordered with *Spiræa Van Houttii* and iris

**Rhodotypos kerrioides.** Begins to bloom with the spiræas and continues sparingly throughout the summer. Leaves wrinkled, attractive. Flowers white; berries black.

**Spiræa, Anthony Waterer** (Red Flowered Spirea.) Blooms all summer. Flowers red, in clusters. Plant small.

**Spiræa prunifolia** (Bridal Wreath.) Branches slender and graceful, with long wands of white bloom.



**Spiræa sorbifolia** (Ash-leaved spirea.) Ornamental and popular. Leaves resemble those of Mountain Ash. White flowers in handsome spikes in July.

**Spiræa Thunbergii.** A low, graceful plant, with slender branches and fine, narrow foliage. Blooms very early, flowers small, white, abundant.

**Spiræa Van Houttii.** The best-known and one of the most reliable spireas. A mass of white when in bloom.

**Snowball.** The well-known garden favorite, with balls of snowy bloom.

**Snowball, Japan.** Leaves large, dark and handsome. Flowers fine and showy. Plant in spring.

**Stephanandra.** A graceful shrub with very attractive hawthorn-like foliage tinged with red in spring.

**Tree Cranberry** (*Viburnum opulus*.) The fruiting form of the the snowball. Bears bright red berries carried well into the winter.

**Weigelas.** Splendid, hardy, vigorous and dependable flowering shrubs, blooming abundantly and lasting a long time.

**W. candida.** Flowers pure white.

**Eva Rathke.** Deep scarlet or crimson.

**W. rosea.** Pink or rose colored.

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## ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT

My aim in choosing what to grow and to offer has been to select things that are both distinct and dependable, that are really worth growing—things that thrive." I believe the list may save you time in selecting and disappointment in growing, but if you want other varieties or other lines of nursery stock which we do not grow, we shall be glad to quote you prices or add them to your order if given time. We can generally save you money by doing so.

## LARGE ORDERS

For prices by the dozen or hundred, make the following deductions from the price of single plants:

10 or more plants of the same kind and variety, 15 per cent discount.

50 or more plants of the same kind and variety, 20 per cent discount.

Often the best discount is to furnish extra strong plants at the single rate.



A wealth of iris at little cost

Make of your home a picture, painted upon a canvas of lawn, in colors of living green, studded with stars of bloom